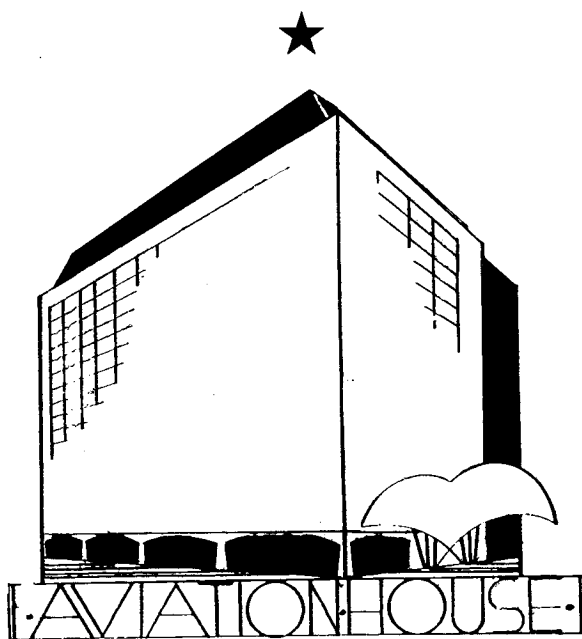


Good to see Nick Walsh back with us after being on the sick list for quite some time.

Lou Shean was farewelled with a presentation and later at a party in the theatrette when he resigned from D.C.A. last month. Best wishes from all in your new business venture, Lou.

Congratulations to Bob Davies and his ball committee on a very successful ball again this year.



BRIAN McIVER

'Twas thought our bright personality Brian McIver, ex-Airports Branch, who was recently superannuated, may not have had to suffer any further setback in his conditions. Unfortunately, however, Brian, at time of writing, is again back in hospital receiving further treatment for his illness.

We sincerely trust this is only a temporary upset Brian, and our very best wishes that you will be back home again in double quick time.

BILL PICKFORD

Sorry to hear our popular Senior A.D.G. (A.P.) has been ill with a mild heart condition. Very pleased though that indications are that Bill is making steady progress along the road to recovery—so much so, that by the time this issue comes off the press we are reasonably confident he will be back again at his desk. Best wishes Bill.

NO DOUBLES PLEASE

The Melbourne Cup is not the greatest event of the year up on the 6th Floor, Aviation House. Seems like up our way there's going to be a photo finish in the Family Stakes event shortly. At the moment we have three entries in these stakes, but as yet weights haven't been declared. Watch this column, however, for the latest mail—or sorry, female as the case may be.



VALE FRED STEVENS

Mr Frederick William Stevens, affectionately known as Fred to all who worked with him, spent a life-time in communications, commencing at a very early age when assisting his father, who was a lighthouse keeper at Wilson's Promontory, to signal ships with flags and lights. In 1911 he started work as a P.M.G. telegraphist and early in the Great War joined the Navy as a radio operator. After the war he obtained the first Australian flight radio operator's licence issued, joined Qantas and eventually became navigator and pilot. He also held a Flight Engineer's licence. Tiring of the continual travel, he commenced duty as station engineer at 4QG, Brisbane, before that station was taken over by the A.B.C.

During 1937, when the Civil Aviation Board was established, Fred re-entered the Commonwealth Public Service as a radio inspector. During the early war years he was seconded to the R.A.A.F. as a signals officer and, being a licensed pilot, was active in liaison work between D.C.A. and service radio stations, flying himself around in a Tiger Moth and other similar aircraft. After the war years he resumed duty with the Department as Superintendent of Airways Operations, Brisbane Area, and then served in Sydney prior to promotion to the position of Superintendent of Communications, Central Office.

At the end of his long career in the various spheres of communications, Fred was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's New Year honours list and received his decoration from Her Majesty in person, an event which he referred to "as the proudest moment of his life." Late in November, 1962, Fred retired from the Department, and it is now our sad duty to record his passing on the 5th October, 1966, after a short illness. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy. Vale Fred Stevens.